ISTAR-KR Matrix: English/Language Arts
Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Federal Outcome 1, 2, 3

KR: Demo	onstrates awarenes	ss of sounds				
No Evidence	Responds to sounds in the environment	Produces a variety of sounds	Produces and blends the sounds of letter patterns into recognizable words	Compares sounds of different words	KG Standards Distinguishes sounds within words (to be mastered by end of KG)	1 st Grade Standards (to be mastered by end of 1 st grade)
	Alerts to/facial expression changes and locates sounds in the environment (e.g. primary caregiver voice, pet, door bell)	Responds to sounds in the environment	Produces a variety of sounds	Produces and blends the sounds of letter patterns into recognizable words	Compares sounds of different words	Distinguishes sounds within words
	Finds hidden sound directly above and behind	Emulates sounds in the environment	Blends individual sounds into words	Matches sound that begins own name with the sound that begins another word or name	Distinguishes sounds within words	Distinguishes beginning sounds in single-syllable words
		Repeats sounds from familiar song, book	Repeats words from familiar song or book	Identifies words that sound alike	Identifies a new word from a word with a missing sound	Distinguishes middle sounds in single-syllable words
		Produces strings of sounds while looking at a book	Repeats a word from a spoken sentence string	Identifies words that rhyme	Identifies the beginning and ending sounds of a word	Distinguishes ending sounds in single-syllable words
		Acknowledges when sounds are the same or different	Identifies words from a spoken sentence	Produces words that rhyme with oral prompts	Identifies how many sounds are heard	Recognizes different vowel sounds in orally stated single-syllable words
			Identifies differences in letter sounds		Orders sounds heard	Recognizes that vowels' sounds can be represented by different letters
			Blends consonant— vowel-consonant sounds to make words		Identifies changes in three sounds when one sound is added, substituted, omitted, moved or repeated	Creates a list of rhyming words
					·	States a list of rhyming words
						Changes sounds as letters in words changes
						Blends two to four phonemes into recognizable words
						Generates sounds from letters
						Generates sounds from consonant blend patterns

CCSS: Reading	Foundational Sk	ills (RF) - print cor	ncepts, phonics, ar	d word recognition		
KR: Demonstra	ates awareness of	symbols				
No Evidence	Responds to familiar pictures	Labels familiar pictures	Recognizes familiar symbols	Compares, combines, and orders letters and letter sounds	KG Standard Recognizes that letters make words and words make sentences (to be mastered by end of KG)	1 st Grade Standard (to be mastered by end of 1 st grade)
	Reacts to pictures of familiar people	Responds to familiar pictures	Labels familiar pictures of objects used in everyday routines	Recognizes familiar symbols, e.g., restaurants, favorite foods, letters, numbers	Compares, combines, and orders letters and letter sounds	Recognizes that letters make words and words make sentences
	Reacts to recognizable features in print	Names familiar people in pictures	Identifies familiar signs, logos, product labels, or other environmental print	Recognizes and names all capital letters in random order	Reads one syllable words	Reads words with two vowels together that make one sound
	Finds named pictures or textures in book	Names familiar objects in pictures	Identifies letters of own name	Recognizes and names all lower case letters in random order	Reads common sight words, e.g., go, stop, in, out, dog, cat, boy, girl	Reads words with vowel sounds that change when followed by "r"
	Points to pictures in a book	Names familiar actions in pictures	Produces sounds from letters in own name	Puts letters, shapes, cards or tiles in alphabetical order	Recognizes that sentences in print are made up of words	Reads common words patterns
	Makes sounds related to pictures to demonstrate an understanding of the picture	Matches pictures to actual objects	Points to and names some letters	Matches all consonant sounds to appropriate letters	Tells a story referencing letters, words and sentences	Reads aloud fluently in familiar text
	Makes sounds related to pictures to demonstrate an understanding of the picture		Distinguishes letters from words	Matches same letter written in different styles	Recognizes words that look alike may sound alike	
				Changes sounds as letters in words change		

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No Evidence	Engages with a book	Imitates proper handling of books	Distinguishes print from pictures	Orients to print in books	KG Standard Chooses reading activities for meaning (to be mastered by end of KG)	1 st Grade Standard (to be mastered by end of 1 st grade)
	Looks at picture with interest	Engages with a book	Imitates proper handling of books	Distinguishes print from pictures	Orients to print in books	Chooses reading activities for meaning
	Explores a book	Opens a book	Tells about pictures on a page using a mix of simple phrases and simple sentences	Follows words from left to right on the printed page	Intentionally selects material to provide information	Identifies the author of a reading selection
	Jointly attends to pictures in books for several minutes	Turns pages from front to back	Points to words in book while telling story	Follows words from top to bottom on the printed page	Requests a book by title	Identifies the illustrator of a reading selection
		Turns one page at a time	Points to letter when asked	Follows printed words as a story is read or caption in video is played	Locates the title of a book	Identifies the table of contents of a reading selection
		Pretends to read a book aloud using jargon and combination of real words	Holds book right-side up based on orientation of pictures	Follows pages that accompany a story or audiotape or CD	Locates the name of the author on a book	Responds to who, what, when, where, why and how questions
		Differentiates the care of a book from the care of a toy		Tells a story while correctly holding a book		Discusses the main idea of what is read
						Uses context to understand word and sentence meanings
						Relates prior knowledge to what is read

CCSS: Reading – Literature Texts (RL) - (Key ideas, Craft and structure, Integrations of knowledge and ideas, Range of reading and level of text complexity) KR: Comprehends details, events and main ideas No Evidence Reacts to a story **Identifies details** Talks about Retells familiar KG Standard 1st Grade Standard (to be mastered by end or event from a story or characters and stories Comprehends and of 1st grade) picture settings responds to stories (to be mastered by end of KG) Talks about Retells familiar stories Anticipates actions. Reacts to a story or Identifies details from a Comprehends and responds to sounds, phrases story or picture characters and event stories from a predictable settings game or story Reacts to new Names objects from Identifies and describes Tells simple stories Uses pictures, cues, Identifies and describes the situations based on pictures book characters in a story from picture books illustrations to aid in plot in a story the memory of a comprehension previous event Selects a book Points to actions in Tells something that a Identifies characters, Confirms predictions about Re-enacts stories based on familiarity favorite character does settings and important what will happen next in a pictures in a story events in a story story Listens with interest Identifies animals and Imitates parts of stories Answers simple Connects the information Responds appropriately to to stories read aloud and events in stories to life questions about text that is people in pictures questions about characters, plot, experiences read outcome of story read aloud Recalls an event Describes pictures of Retells a story's Uses vocabulary heard in while looking at places in books beginning, middle, stories in oral language pictures end of story Talks about actions in Distinguishes fantasy from pictures of family reality members, pets, self Expresses what might Uses pictures, cues, happen after the action illustrations to draw in a picture conclusions or make predictions about story content Asks questions and makes comments about story being read Talks about the cover and illustrations prior to

story being read

	CCSS: Writing Standards – Text types and purposes, production and distribution of writing, research to build and present knowledge									
	for a specific purp									
No Evidence	Intentionally makes marks or scribbles	Associates writing with purpose	Creates writing with the intention of communicating	Produces recognizable writing that conveys meaning	KG Standard: Gathers ideas for writing for a purpose (to be mastered at the end of KG)	First Grade Standard (to be mastered at the end of 1 st grade)				
	Uses fingers to make marks in substances	Intentionally makes marks or scribbles	Associates writing with purpose	Creates writing with the intention of communicating	Produces recognizable writing that conveys meaning	Gathers ideas for writing for a purpose				
	Attempts to write and draw	Draws approximations of shapes of objects to communicate	Draws pictures and scribbles to generate and express ideas	Writes using letters, pictures and words	Gets ideas for writing from books and other media	Discusses ideas for writing				
		Requests someone else draws a picture or writes a message	Uses writing or symbols to share an idea with someone	Writes phonetically spelled words	Discusses ideas for writing	Selects a focus for group stories or other writing				
			Gives meaning to own writing	Uses writing to label drawings	Records and orders ideas for writing	Revises writing for others to read				
			Tells a story for someone else to write	Adds writing to a picture story	Gives writing to someone for a purpose (e.g. greeting card, invitation)	Selects a topic of research				
						Poses relevant and focused questions				
						Determines what information is needed				
						Locates and selects sources of useful information				
						Cites the title of a source of information				
						Categorizes and classifies information				
						Writes brief narratives describing an experience				
						Writes brief descriptions of real objects, people, places or events				
						Uses descriptive words when writing				
						Identifies and writes for different purposes				

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No Evidence	Grasps writing tools	Imitates specific writing strokes to make a picture	Copies specific writing marks	Approximates writing strings of letters	Writes from left to right, spacing letters correctly (to be mastered by end of KG)	(to be mastered by end of 1 st grade)
	Holds writing tool in any way	Grasps writing tools	Imitates specific writing strokes to make a picture	Copies specific writing marks	Approximates writing strings of letters	Writes from left to right, spacing letters correctly
	Attempts to makes marks with writing tools	Imitates drawing a horizontal line	Copies a vertical line	Combines strokes and shapes to represent letters	Spaces letters correctly	Prints uppercase letters
		Imitates drawing a vertical line	Copies a horizontal line	Draws an approximation of a spoken number	Writes from left to right	Prints lowercase letters
		Imitates drawing a circle	Copies a circle	Writes a known letter or approximations of letter	Shapes capital and lower case letters correctly	Legibly prints words and sentences
		Draws at top or bottom of page when requested		Writes letters in strings		Spaces letters correctly
				Writes more than one word correctly		Spaces words appropriately
				Copies or writes their first name		Spaces sentences appropriately
						Uses complete simple sentences in writing
						Identifies and correctly uses plural nouns in writing
						Identifies and correctly uses singula nouns in writing
						Uses periods at the end of sentence
						Uses exclamation points
						Uses question marks
						Capitalizes first word of sentence
						Capitalizes names of people
						Capitalizes the pronoun "I"

		g - Comprehension a	nd Collaboration			
	nstrates Receptive I	<u> </u>				
No Evidence	Responds to cues in the environment	Responds to familiar gestures and words	Follows a familiar verbal or signed direction	Follows an unfamiliar direction	KG Standard Follows directions with steps and descriptors (to be mastered by end of KG)	1 st Grade Standard (to be mastered by end of 1 st grade)
	Actively attends to things that an adult is showing	Responds to cues in the environment	Responds to familiar gestures and words	Follow a unfamiliar verbal or signed direction	Follows an unfamiliar direction	Follows directions with steps and descriptors
	Recognizes others	Responds to own name	Follows one-step spoken directions	Follows unfamiliar directions involving out of sight objects	Follows two step unrelated directions, e.g., "Put away your toys and come inside."	Listens attentively
	Responds to the arrival of a familiar person	Finds named pictures or textures in books	Listens for information	Follows directions in new places	Follows directions embedded with qualities (e.g., "Walk slowly and get the red book on the shelf.")	Asks questions for clarification and understanding
	Watches speaker's face when spoken to	Gives an object when asked	Answers simple "who", "what" and "where" questions about personal experiences	Answers "ifwhat" questions, e.g., "If you fill a cup with too much water, what will happen?"	Follows directions embedded with reasons (e.g. "Get your coat, it is time to go.")	Gives, restates and follows two-step directions
	Responds to familiar voices and noises (e.g. smiling, stopping to cry)	Responds to short phrases (e.g. "Where's mama?")	Answers simple questions related to familiar activities, events, stories			Relates the sequence of story events by answering who, what, when, where, why and how questions
		Waves "hello" and "bye- bye" when prompted		Asks clarifying questions, We're going to ride on an escalator. Child says, "What's that?"		Relates an important life event or personal experience in a simple sentence
		Responds to "No"		Follows related two- step directions, e.g. Please wash your hands and go to the table for lunch.		
		Uses pointing for learning new vocabulary				

CCSS: S	peaking and Lis	tening – Presen	tation of Knowled	dge and Ideas			
KR: Demo		ssive Language					
No Evidence	Uses gestures or sounds to communicate	Uses single words to communicate	Uses two-word phrases or signs	Uses simple phrases and sentences with simple grammatical rules	Uses varied grammar in expression	KG Standard Shares information and ideas to describe, explain, predict (to be mastered by end of KG)	1 st Grade Standard (to be mastered by end of 1 st grade)
	Uses single words, signs, symbols or gestures to communicate	Uses gestures or sounds to communicate	Uses single words to communicate	Uses two-word phrases or signs	Uses simple phrases and sentences with simple grammatical rules	Uses varied grammar in expression	Shares information and ideas to describe, explain, predict
	Participates in back and forth vocal play	Imitates words on request while looking at pictures	Uses two-word vocalizations, signs, symbols or gestures to tell about objects and events in the present	Uses 4-word vocalizations, words, symbols, signs to tell about objects and events in recent past and near future	Repeats simple sentences as presented	Speaks in complete and coherent sentences	Stays on topic when speaking
	Imitates one- word vocalization/signs such as "more" "all gone" "mine"	Names familiar objects	Uses an expressive vocabulary of at least 50+ words	Imitates a series of three numbers or unrelated words	Uses 6-word sentences	Uses a logical sequence to share a story or experience	Recites poems, rhymes, songs, stories
	Uses consonant- vowel combinations that may sound like "real" words	Speaks intelligibly approximately 25% of the time	Uses an action or place word with a noun (e.g. "daddy home" "kitty eat")	Communicates recent experiences using at least one attribute word	Uses more than one descriptor word in a sentence	Describes people, places, things, locations and actions	Retells a story's beginning, middle, ending
	Varies pitch, length, and volume of vocalizations to express wants and needs	Uses pronouns "you", "me", "mine" and "I"	Uses negation (e.g. not, can't)	Gives name, age and gender upon request	Uses conjunctions	Recites short poems, rhymes, songs, stories	
	Produces vocalizations with correct inflection of questions and exclamations	Uses single action and location words(e.g. "up" "jump")	Imitates words on request while looking at pictures	Produces most consonants meaningfully at the beginning and end or words, (excluding r, l, th, v, ch, sh blends)	Uses possessive and objective pronouns	Produces most consonants meaningfully at the beginning and end of words (excluding r, l, th, s)	
		Uses at least 6 different consonant sounds (e.g. m, n, p, b, t, d, k, g, w, y)	Speaks intelligibly approximately 50% of the time	Produces all vowels meaningfully in the middle of words	Uses grammatical word order	Speaks intelligibly approximately 90% of the time	

These ISTAR Kindergarten Readiness matrices are based on the 2007 Indiana Academic Standards, and were first presented in 2009. The 2009 ISTAR KR matrices reflect the reliability, alignment, and standardization research completed in 2010. The skills below begin on the left with the least mature skills/indicators and progressively

	Gives first and last name upon request	Speaks intelligibly approximately 75% of the time	Uses more than one descriptor word in a sentence	Answers "why" questions	
	Asks for help	Uses plurals	Uses auxiliary (helper) verbs, e.g., will, can, am, have		
	Uses a variety of speech sounds meaningfully including (e.g. m, n, ng, p, b, t, d, k, g, w, y)	Uses pronouns – he, she, they, it			
		Uses progressive verbs (ing)			
		Uses regular past tense verbs (ed)			